

# **Transit Task Force (TTF)**

## **2014 Annual Report (January 1 – December 31, 2014)**

*January 25, 2014*

The Proposed Fare Policy was discussed. A memo from the Mayor and Council was read to the committee which delayed this item until their February 4<sup>th</sup> Study Session.

Rebecca Ruopp gave a presentation to the committee concerning the Ronstadt Transit Center Redevelopment Project. City Procurement will oversee a two-phase solicitation process for the project. Members of the Task Force were provided with a copy of the City of Tucson Arizona Department of Transportation Program Peer Review.

The Task Force was asked to review the Five-Year Strategic Transit Plan and create a priority list for the next year. Members also received a draft Sun Tran Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA).

*February 10, 2014*

The Task Force discussed their function and meeting decorum. The Finance Director gave a presentation on the 2015 General Fund Budget and answered questions. The Finance Director for the Department of Transportation then gave a presentation on the recommended General Fund target for the Mass Transit Fund. The Task Force discussed the Proposed Fare Policy and Bus Service Changes.

*February 24, 2014*

The Mayor and Council voted to move forward with the Comprehensive Operation Analysis and Bus/Rail Interface Review into the public comment process.

*March 10, 2014*

The Director of the Integrated Office of Planning gave a brief update on the Published Request for Proposals for the Ronstadt Transit Center. Members continued their discussion on the COA Comments/Recommendations. Strategic Plan Priorities were discussed.

*April 14, 2014*

The City Budget was discussed along with strategies to close the gap. Proposed Bus Service Changes were again discussed. Staff will be presenting Transit Internal Savings and Revenue Opportunities and their recommendation at the April 23, 2014 Mayor and Council Study Session.

General Provisions Relating to the Transit Ordinance were discussed and this item was held over until the next meeting.

*April 28, 2014*

A presentation was given on the Fiscal Year 2015 Overview of City Manager's Recommended Budget. The transit Task Force discussed Title VI fare and services and passed a motion to prepare a letter to Mayor and Council noting that it understands the need for reductions in service but is not pleased with them and does not agree that they are in the long term goal serving the community.

*May 12, 2014*

A motion was passed that the Transit Task Force accept the Title VI Fare and Service Equity Analysis Proposed FY 2015 Fare and Bus Service of May 2014 and Sunlink Pre-revenue Service Implementation Fare and Service Equity Analysis Update Report of April 2014 as meeting FTA requirements. Recommended FY 2015 Bus Service Changes were discussed and a motion was passed to recommend to the Mayor and Council that the TTF does not approve the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) recommended bus service cuts. The recommended Fare Policy was discussed.

*June 9, 2014*

Proposed Bus Service Changes were discussed at length.

*July 7, 2014*

There was no meeting.

*August 18, 2014*

Mr. David Heineking was appointed as an Advisory member of the Task Force. Proposed Bus Service Changes were discussed again.

*August 25, 2014*

Discussion took place on the Proposed Bus Service Changes and the Proposed Fare Policy.

*September 8, 2014*

Meeting canceled due to threat of flooding.

*September 22, 2014*

The Proposed Fare Policy was discussed.

*October 6, 2014*

Staff gave a presentation to help explain the implications of the Transit Task Force and staff recommendations concerning the COA. A motion was made and passed to request an additional 60 days from the Mayor and Council to discuss the Sun Tran COA. The Proposed Fare Policy was discussed.

*October 20, 2014*

The Sun Tran COA was discussed.

*November 3, 2014*

The Proposed Fare Policy was discussed. The Task Force voted to adopt the City of Tucson Transit Fare Policy as amended.

*November 17, 2014*

Staff presented the Task Force with the Staff recommendations for the Sun Tran COA. The recommendations will go to the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

*December 15, 2014*

The Mayor and Council chose to adopt the TTF Fare Policy and the proposed bus services changes at its December 9, 2014 meeting. New and old ideas for Transit Marketing were discussed.